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Note: Email gsmlministry@gmail.com to book a Theology of the Body Workshop for your Parish or Group.

For more Information about GSML Ministry [click here](#)

Don't forget to join our Theology of the Body Study Group:

Every Monday morning from (9:30 - 11:30) at St. Bernadette's Parish Hall, 21 Bayly St.

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Book a Theology of the Body for Teens Worskhop for the Year of Faith



Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed the Year of Faith, which began on October 11, 2012, and will continue through November 24, 2013..

A Theology of the Body Workshop would help your parish or group grow in the knowledge of their Faith.

Contact:

gsmlministry@gmail.com

We are training several volunteers at the ongoing *Theology of the Body for Teens workshop*. These interested people will take the program back to their own parishes.

GSML News

Bazaar and Garage Sale Report

Thank you to all who helped hosting and who supported our ministry. The Knights of Columbus also held a BBQ, even though there was snow and high winds. Nevertheless, their efforts were much appreciated. The parish Youth Group had made Apple Pies and sold every one of them. We had several teen volunteers. So a good day was had by all.



Grandma Cupcake sold nearly 100 cupcakes. They had many interesting shapes and faces. Leftovers went to the Youth Group Dance.

If you have ideas for fund raisers, we would be glad to hear from you.



Theology of the Body Study Group

Every Monday morning at St. Bernadette's Parish Hall, 21 Bayly St. E, Ajax from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. We are studying Katrina Zeno's book, *The Body Reveals God*.

Everyone welcome. Bring your questions on Catholic Faith.

Theology of the Body for Teens

At present we are facilitating several Theology of the Body for Teens Workshop

- Once a month (for 12 months) at a parish in Mississauga.
- Once a week in a High School in Durham
- Once a month for a Youth Group in Toronto

If you would like to arrange a Teen Workshop in your parish or school please contact our youth leaders, Rose and Pat Heron , at roseheron@gmail.com or gsmlministry@gmail.com

Consider holding a *Theology of the Body for Teens* workshop at your parish in order to learn how to facilitate it.



Theology of the Body for Grades 6,7 & 8

At present we are facilitating this wonderful program at St. Bernadette's Parish, 21 Bayly St. E., Ajax, once a month.

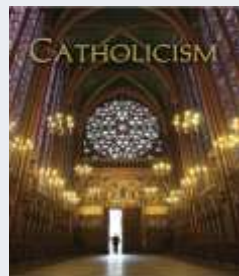
May 4, 2013 Me, Myself, and I: Body and Soul

June 1, 2013 How Should I Act?

If you are interested in this new program, please contact us at gsmlministry@gmail.com

Other Activities

Teaching the First Communion and Confirmation students how to make virtue beads at St. Bernadette's, Mother Teresa and St. James Elementary schools in Durham Region. Virtue Beads are used to count the number of times each day that a temptation is rejected, or a positive step taken toward becoming the person you were created to be.



Catholicism

By Fr. Robert Barron

DVD series with discussion

DATES: Every 4th Saturday **next two May 25 & June 22, 2013**

TIME: 10:00 am to 11:30 am (doors open at 9:30)

LOCATION: St. Bernadette's Parish Hall, 21 Bayly St. E, Ajax

COST: Free (please register)

REGISTRATION: stbreg@gmail.com

You do not have to attend all sessions to enjoy this series

Catholicism Dates

May 25, 2013; June 22, 2013; Sept. 28, 2013; Oct. 26, 2013; and Nov. 23, 2013

May 25 - A BODY BOTH SUFFERING AND GLORIOUS THE MYSTICAL UNION OF CHRIST AND THE CHURCH

Clearly answering the question, What is the Church? Father Barron presents the reality of the Church as one, holy, catholic and apostolic. The Body of Christ can be seen on earth from the Church's centre in Rome to the cities of New York, Sao Paulo, Manila, Namugongo and Uganda, while still escaping total understanding as the mystical union between Christ and his Church.

Session six – May 25

A Body Both Suffering
And Glorious The
Mystical Union Of
Christ And The Church

Session Five - June 22

Word Made Flesh,
True Bread Of Heaven
The Mystery Of The
Church 's Sacrament
And Worship

These sessions are free and truly inspiring.

Father Barron also explores the Catholic conviction that the life and presence of Christ continues to embrace humanity in all its joys and sorrows through the presence of the Church.

June 22 - WORD MADE FLESH, TRUE BREAD OF HEAVEN THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH'S SACRAMENT AND WORSHIP

Father Barron explores the ancient practices of the Church's worship that endure to this very day, and the notion that all value is summed up in the liturgy, the supreme act by which we commune with God.

Considered by the Catholic Faith to be the source and summit of its identity and mission, the Eucharist is the central practice of the Church's culture. Father Barron describes all the parts of the Mass, and shows how the Sacred Liturgy embodies the whole of the Faith in such diverse places as Jerusalem, Rome, Chicago, the Orient and Mexico City.

For more information on the series go to: www.catholicismseries.com

To better understand JPII writings we have decided to include summaries of the ToB.

During the General Audience in St Peter's Square on Wednesday evening 19 September, Pope John Paul II gave the following address.

" With reference to Christ's words on the subject of marriage, in which he appealed to the "beginning," we directed our attention last week to the first account of man's creation in the first chapter of Genesis. Today we shall pass to the second account, which is frequently described as the "Yahwist," since it uses the name

The Second Account Of Creation: The Subjective Definition Of Man

Pope John Paul II

Summary of the third Audience by Tom Kennedy

Note: Before we begin looking at the Pope's words, it would be beneficial to understand the meaning of the word "man". The early languages of the bible had two words for "man", one meant "man" as in the male member of the species, and the other meant "man" as in mankind (any member of the human race, male or female) or any person in the spiritual image and likeness of God. We have to be careful when following the Pope's words, which version of the word "man" he is using.

The Pope now looks at the second (Yahwist) creation account, which is a more in-depth account of creation. It is more in depth as it is based on intellectual and spiritual experiences, as opposed to its physical reality. Along with Genesis 3, it is the first testimony of the human mind. In effect, Genesis 2, which has a mythical character, basically summarizes the understanding of the essence of man in a way that is the same as modern psychological understanding of man. [When he uses the word "mythical", the Pope refers to the original meaning of the word, which is how man tends to know the unknowable, an innate understanding of the difference between good and evil, our ability to reason, without physical evidence, the existence of God, and basically all unknowable religious beliefs.] When we read both accounts of the creation story, we must conclude that the subjective account, which is based on the intellectual and spiritual experiences, corresponds exactly to the objective account, which is based on the physical reality of creation.

It is important to note that when talking to the Pharisees about divorce, Christ first mentioned the creation of man by referring to Genesis 1:27: "The Creator from the beginning created them male and female.", and then he referred to Genesis 2:24 to stress to them the indissolubility of marriage.

"Yahweh" for God...."

To read the Audience [click here](#)

Christ linked man's "beginning" ("And the rib which the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man; then the man said: 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man'" (Gn 2:22-23))." with his original state of "innocence" ("And the man and his wife were both naked, and they were not ashamed" (Gn 2:25) "Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh" (Gn 2:24).) and then to his fall.

Immediately after the first two chapters, the third chapter of Genesis tells of the fall of man and woman through original sin. This is the demarcation line between the first two conditions of man – "original innocence", and "human sinfulness". As soon as man transgressed God's command, he went from "original innocence" to a full knowledge of the difference between good and evil. At this point, theology can start to see the differences between man's complete and perfect nature, and the condition of his sinful nature.

When Christ replied to the Pharisees, he was telling them to go beyond the "original innocence" and look at his "fallen state." He told them that it was because of this "fallen" or sinful state that Moses allowed divorce – for "their hardness of heart", but "from the beginning it was not so." He is also telling us that this applies today as much as it did then. From this the Pope draws the conclusion that "the beginning", man's "original innocence", and man's sinful state are all important essentials for the theology of man, and The Theology of The Body.



Fr. Robert Sprott, OFM, holds an M.A. in anthropology and theology, and a Ph.D. in linguistics.

Online Theology Of The Body Course! Three Saturdays In May!

(Video will be archived and accessible with registration fee.)

May 4: Session *ONE* From the Beginning with Adam and Eve; the Sermon on the Mount

May 11: Session *TWO* The Resurrection of the Body; Celibacy "for the Kingdom"; Marriage as the "first" sacrament

May 18: Session *THREE* The language of the body; conjugal spirituality; the problem of contraception

Each session meets for two hours in the morning (10-12 Central Time) and two hours in the afternoon (1:30-3:30 Central Time).

REGISTER: www.visit.pauline.org/CHICAGO

Peter Kreeft is coming to Toronto

For information on Peter Kreeft [Click here](#)

FYI - Catholic Chapter House



[Catholic Chapter House's](#) third all-day event in Toronto on **Saturday June 8, 2013** is with guest speaker **Dr. Peter Kreeft**. The event's theme is "**Be a Saint! - A Christian Battle Plan for a Society in Crisis**".

Who: Peter Kreeft will give 3 live talks. Joe Zambon will perform. Damian Goddard will be the MC.

Where: Canada Christian College, 50 Gervais Drive, Toronto, Ontario

When: Saturday, June 8th, 2013. 9:30am doors open. 10:15am rosary to start the event. Event ends at 4:00pm.

Why: This event will help equip you with knowledge about the reality of the battle we face and how to transform our culture. You will be encouraged and inspired spending the day with hundreds of your fellow Catholics who care about deepening their faith and sharing Christ with our culture just like you.

For more information and to purchase your tickets*:

- <http://www.catholicchapterhouse.com/peterkreefttoronto>
- Email (info@catholicchapterhouse.com)
- Phone 1-888-522-2070.



If you have an opportunity to attend this Course you should. It is amazing.

Theology of the Body Institute

June 9-14, 2013

Theology of the Body I: Head & Heart Immersion Course
with Bill Donaghy
Quarryville, Pennsylvania

For more information [click here](#)

Video about the Theology of the Body Institute – [click here](#)

"When we act in holy ways, we participate in the work of God, redeeming, refining and beautifying the world. At the same time, our holy actions participate in God's refining us - we participate in our own salvation." - p. 49 ToB for Every Body by Leah Perrault

The Fourth Theology of the Body International Symposium



The Fourth Theology of the Body International Symposium will be held in Fatima, Portugal in June 13 - 16, 2013. Information about the Fourth International Symposium is available using the link below.

For more information go to tobinternationalsymposia.com

"This Symposium is an answer to the words of His Holiness when, speaking about the Year of Faith, he specifically referred the "whole wealth of documents given to us by Pope John Paul II, still far from being fully explored" as guides to what the Church believes on the basis of God's word (Pope Benedict XVI, Homily for the Chrism Mass, Holy Thursday, 5 April 2012)."

Speakers:

- **Father Nuno Amador** – TBA
- **Dr. Phil Boyle, M.D.** - "Beyond IVF" – Outcomes of NaPro Technology fertility treatment in 405 Irish couples with previous IVF
- **Dr. Blanca Castilla de Cortázar** – Male/Female Duality and Complementarity in Theology of the Body
- **Dr. Peter J. Colosi** – The Relation between Catholic Moral Teaching and Theology of the Body
- **Mons. Duarte da Cunha** – TBA
- **Dr. Peter Damgaard-Hansen** – The power of JP II's TOB to shed new light on marital dysfunction and to inspire creative approaches in marital counseling
- **Dr. Eduardo Echeverria** – "They shall become one flesh": The Bodily Truth about Marriage.
- **Dr. Maria Fedoryka** - The Foundation in the Spirit of Spousal Desire in the Theology of the Body
- **Dr. Mary Healy** – Theology of the Body and the Healing of the Heart
- **Mons. Jean Laffitte** TBA
- **Dr. William Newton** – What exactly is the Redemption of the Body?
- **Robert Nkontchou** – Human Ecology at the service of youth education
- **Father João Paulo Pimentel** – Celibacy for the Kingdom: a choice of Love and sign of Hope
- **Mrs. Daniele Sauvage** – Family, Sanctuary of Love and Life, an African Experience
- **Dr. Janet Smith** – Reverence as the Key to Theology of the Body
- **Padre Juan Perez-Soba** – El amor entre la carne y la palabra: el sentido

de una vida

- **Dr. Michael Waldstein** – TBA
- **Christopher West** – The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart: Theology of the Body and Our Lady of Fatima

Toward of Model of Education Worthy of the Civilization of Love

Paul Tomory

Date: Thursday May 16
Time: 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Location: Riverdale Library
370 Broadview Ave
M4K 2M8
Cost: \$10

All are welcome. Please reserve your spot by clicking on the following link and completing the form.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CFwbOTztqnttUzjvjudza700tbYC9UW4aOVzjJG9u0w/viewform>

Paul Tomory is a retired electrical engineer and father of seven children all of whom are university graduates. Paul was the founding chair of the board of directors of Hawthorn School for Girls and Northmount School for Boys in Toronto. He is a founding member of the Catholic Teachers' Guild. Paul was also the chairman of the organizing committee of the Second Pan-American Conference on Family and Education in 1996. The theme of the conference was "Building the Civilization of Love". Since the time of the conference, Paul has endeavoured to understand and explain Blessed John Paul II vision for the Civilization of Love.

Wojtyla Summer Institute 2013

Book your calendars for the 3rd Annual Wojtyla Summer Institute for Teachers!

The Institute will run from **August 8 -11, 2013** at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy in Barry's Bay, Ontario. The theme of this year's conference is **Vatican II and Continuity: Always the Same Spirit.** In

the wake of the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, and in this Year of Faith, this Institute will offer an opportunity to learn more about this historic council, reflect on the documents of Vatican II, and in so doing deepen your knowledge of the faith.

[Here is a poster to advertise the conference in your schools and communities.](#)

Here is the [registration form](#) for the conference.

Teopoli Summer Experience (TSE)

MARCH 15, 2011 BY TEOPOLI

Register Today for the 2013 TSE

The **Teopoli Summer Experience (TSE)** is not a summer camp, and it is not just a place of recreation for youth. TEOPOLI is a way of life for children and teenagers, 6 to 17 years of age. For 39 years, TEOPOLI has been providing young people and their families an environment where the values of family life are taught and experienced. Young people are encouraged to be responsible and independent through information about their Catholic faith, while enjoying themselves in many recreational activities in the secure and tranquil atmosphere of TEOPOLI Catholic Spiritual Center, located in the beautiful Muskoka area.

For more information [click here](#)

"But the Theology of the Body is not just about sex and marriage. It is about the mystery of the human person." – by Veronica Ferri

"The Theology of the Body is the message of the Church; it is Christ's message, Christ, the Word made Flesh." – by Veronica Ferri

Discovering the Theology of the Body

by Veronica Ferri.

What on earth is a member of Madonna House, a celibate, doing writing about the Theology of the Body*? I was wondering that as I attended a week-long course on this subject. I'd always thought of Theology of the Body as being mainly about marriage and sexuality.

So what does this teaching have to do with me? As I write this article, I am five days, one hour, and twelve minutes away from renewing my Madonna House promises of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

For some time now, in fact, I had been wondering deep in my heart how the consecrated laity, the priests, and the religious, fit into the mystery of sex and

marriage.

To read the rest of the article [click here](#)

ToB in Spanish

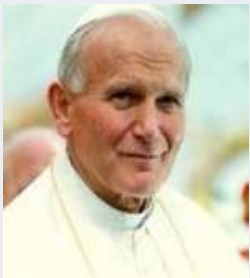


God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage-Spanish Edition DVD (6-Part Study)

by Jake Samour, Director of Marriage and Family Life Office, Archdiocese of San Antonio

Based on Blessed John Paul II's Theology of the Body, this program provides a key component of marriage preparation: catechesis in the theology of marriage and the gift of human sexuality.

For more information [click here](#)



Sex, Love, and God: A Commentary by Fr. Barron

To see this interesting talk by Fr. Barron [click here](#)

Philadelphia to host the 8th World Meeting of Families

On September 22-27, 2015, Philadelphia will welcome the 8th World Meeting of Families, which is expected to draw a global audience. In June 2012, the 7th World Meeting, held in Milan, Italy, drew hundreds of thousands to the city with more than one million attending the Holy Father's Mass.

Since its inception by Blessed John Paul II in 1994, the World Meeting of Families has sought to strengthen the sacred bonds of family across the globe. Each World Meeting of Families has a theme, which aims to emphasize the good news of the family and highlight its intrinsic value to the good of society. The theme for the 2015 World Meeting of Families will be forthcoming.

Please check back often for information on registering for the meeting and booking your stay in Philadelphia.

For more information [click here](#)

Matercare Petition

On International Women's Day, MaterCare launched a petition to the Canadian government requesting they keep their promise to fund maternal health solutions like those provided by MaterCare, whose sole mission is the prevention of maternal deaths by providing safe deliveries through obstetric care. We've already collected over 500 on-line signatures, but now you, our valued supporters, can print our petition and collect signatures by using the link provided. It only takes 25 signatures to have a petition read before the House of Commons! Think about all the groups and people who would love to be a part of this cause but need you to help them get involved. Together, we CAN save lives.

-MaterCare International (Canada)

 [Petition \(MCI\) 2013.pdf](#)

Recommended Reading

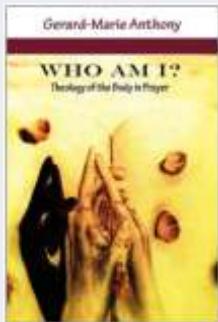
Who Am I? Theology of the Body in Prayer [Paperback]

[Gerard-Marie Anthony](#)

"Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body can be a tough doctrine to get one's head around, and Gerard-Marie's devotional approach in *Who Am I? Theology of the Body in Prayer* is a welcome contribution to the ongoing conversation about the meaning of the human person. Hopefully readers will bring an attitude of prayer to their reading of this book, and make progress in seeing Theology of the Body as a livable reality that cannot be confined to the pages of a textbook."

Back To Basics: The Theology of the Body in Prayer - CD

The perfect complement to *Who Am I: The Theology of the Body in Prayer*. This talk speaks of how prayer fulfills our humanity through our yearning to be unique, walk with others, and be ourselves. Recorded at Holy Trinity Catholic Church



What a good idea!

Donate Catholic Books to Catholic School Libraries

March 11, 2013 by [Ellen Gable Hrkach](#)

"One of my favorite ways to promote the Theology of the Body is to recommend novels with a great TOB message. My publishing company publishes novels with Theology of the Body Themes.

Want to learn more about the Theology of the Body? Interested in promoting it?

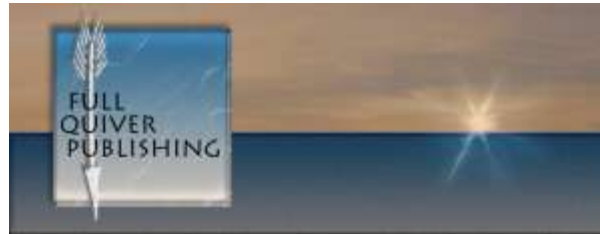
Want to
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Theology of

the Body? Read and Recommend a TOB Novel!

For more information
[click here](#)

This list is not all-inclusive...and pardon the shameless self-promotion of my own TOB books... (Note: not all of these books have been published by Full Quiver Publishing.)”

- *The Mystery of Things* (Debra Murphy)
- *Emily’s Hope* (Ellen Gable)
- *In Name Only* (Ellen Gable)
- *Stealing Jenny* (Ellen Gable)
- *Passport* (Christopher Blunt)
- *Angela’s Song* (AnnMarie Creedon)
- *Fatherless* (Brian Gail)
- *Lessons in the Journey* (Patrick Dawson)



St. Joseph’s Health Centre 30 The Queensway (Education Centre A, #1B 105A), Toronto - Initial presentation: 1st Tuesday, each month at 8 p.m.

St. Patrick Church 921 Flagship Dr., Mississauga - Initial presentation: 2nd Thursday, each month at 8 p.m.

Mary of the People Church 570 Marion Ave., Oshawa - Initial presentation: 2nd Tuesday, each month at 8 p.m.

NFP Know-How

With apps, blogs and programmed alarm clocks, more and more Catholic women are embracing Natural Family Planning

By Katie Merando - OSV Newsweekly, 7/22/2012

Natural Family Planning has a bad rap. It is the brunt of a countless number of jokes, it’s disrespected by most medical professionals and considered laughably ineffective, and worst of all, it’s often confused with “the rhythm method.”

I can handle the jokes and the rolling of eyes at the doctor’s office, but the association with the rhythm method really gets under my skin. NFP is not the rhythm method.”

To read the whole article, [click here](#)

Natural Family Planning is not only a valuable tool for married couples, but all women can use it to monitor their health.

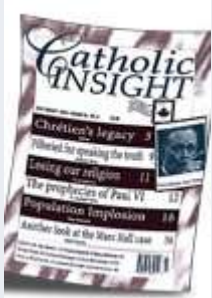


www.naturalfamilyplanning.ca/toronto

The teachers of the Natural Family Planning Association provide this valuable education at no charge, as described in our mission statement:

To provide instruction with respect to the ovulation method of family planning using the Ovulation Method (Billings).

The mission of the Natural Family Planning Association is to teach the Billings Ovulation Method of family planning while promoting an understanding and appreciation of fertility that reflects Catholic teachings as outlined in *Humanae Vitae*. We serve the entire community regardless of religious background: single women, married and engaged couples, adolescents as well as those who provide teaching and counseling to them.



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God, Sex and the Meaning of Life Ministry

Our Ministry is approved by The Archdiocese of Toronto and has presented over thirty Workshops on Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body in Parishes in the Toronto Archdiocese. As well, in the fall of 2009, we organized and held a Theology of the Body Conference in Toronto. This conference was attended by over 1000 people. At the same time, we facilitated a Luncheon meeting on this same topic for Priests and Seminarians with over 120 in attendance. We have held sixteen Theology of the Body for Teens workshops and have been invited into four high schools to provide a session on the Theology of the Body in the Classroom. We have also held workshops for Parents.

Please keep GSML Ministry in your prayers

Contact information: gsmlministry@gmail.com

www.godsexandthmeaningoflife.com/

God, Sex and the Meaning of Life Ministry has Toronto Archdiocesan approval



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